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HEYER'S GULCH TIMBER SALE

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) is considering timber management activities in Section 16, T13N, R17W.

The objective of the proposed timber sale would be to generate revenue for the Common School Trust Accounts. Timber would be harvested in a manner designed to facilitate a sustainable yield of timber products.

The Missoula Unit, DNRC is proposing to harvest between 2 to 4 million board feet of timber using a combination of salvage, commercial thinning, seedtree, modified shelterwood and selection harvests. Harvesting may take place on approximately 600 acres. Five to six miles of new road may be constructed to access timber stands within Section 16, T13N, R17W. At this time it is proposed to haul forest products on Bear Creek Road and the existing roads in the Bear Creek and Heyer's Gulch drainages.

The proposed sale is currently in the early planning stages. At this time, we are identifying issues and concerns related to the project. If you wish to have input on the sale plan or would like further information, please direct your comments and or questions to:

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In order to address all issues with respect to this project and incorporate them through the environmental review process, please submit comments by June 1, 2012.